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# INTRODUCTION

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The Judiciary will be well prepared for the new millennium. It has worked very hard over the years to put in place sound management, review, and planning processes to enable it to anticipate changing environments and position itself to meet successfully the challenges that lie ahead. Among other things, these include rigorous quarterly resource, management, and automation project reviews; an internal controls program; financial audits; program evaluations; court management and operational reviews; short and long range planning systems; and an institutionalized program to identify and implement practices that improve economies and efficiencies.

At present, the Judiciary has initiatives in place for all programs to determine how to do things better or more cost effectively. Examples include improving how the Judiciary determines requirements for court staff, exploring ways to manage better its judicial officer resources, enhancing long range planning and budgeting efforts, identifying better ways to run the Judiciary's space acquisition program, improving management of defender services program resources, finding ways to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the probation and pretrial services system, and using automation in myriad ways to enhance services and achieve efficiencies.

Provided at congressional request, this report summarizes several major efforts on which the Judiciary will be working over the next couple of years to meet the demands of the future. Included at the end of the document is a list of past and ongoing Judiciary efforts to reduce spending and improve resource use.